

INDEPENDENT INVENTOR(S)VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 C.F.R. 1.9(f)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

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- a) ☒ the specification filed herewith claiming priority from  
 b) ☒ provisional application serial no. 60/199,933, filed April 26, 2000.  
 c) ☐ non-provisional application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
 d) ☐ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

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